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PRODUCTION OF BASMATI RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of Basmati Rice in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to identify the area suitable for cultivation of Basmati in the country including Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a): State-wise details of production of Basmati Rice are not maintained separately by Ministry of Agriculture. However, as per data on production of Basmati Rice maintained by Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), the overall share of Basmati Rice in total rice production in the country during 2011-12 to 2013-14 has been 4.94%, 4.50% and 4.15% respectively.

(b) to (d): The Government of India has identified Basmati a Geographical Indication (GI) used to denote a particular type of rice that comes from a specific geographical area. Basmati Rice is traditionally grown in a delineated area in the Indo − Gangetic plains in the foot hills of Himalayas in the Northern India. National Agricultural Research System has recognized Punjab, Haryana, H.P., Uttarakhand, Delhi, Western U.P. and Jammu & Kathua districts of J&K as traditional area for basmati cultivation.